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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 222
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A RESOLUTION To congratulate Glenn and Delia Ledy on the
celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, This General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those
successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and
future generations; and

WHEREAS, On April 20, 1951, Glenn Ledy and Delia Jo Taylor were joined in holy
matrimony, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one,
basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, The Ledys' met while Glenn was at home in Ada, Oklahoma on medical
leave from the United States Merchant Marines, his injury the result of a fistfight with two
shipmates, who attempted to force Glenn, a nondrinker, to take an alcoholic drink against his
will; while Glenn won the fight by breaking the jaw of the most persistent shipmate, that very
punch also broke Glenn's thumb; and

WHEREAS, Recuperating and relaxing in his hometown, Glenn ventured out one
evening to the local roller-skating rink, where Delia, skating with two of her college girlfriends,
was attempting to skate backwards; ever the perfect gentleman, Glenn offered to teach her and
so began their courtship and life together; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Leddy served a total of six years in the Merchant Marines at the end of World War II and during the Korean conflict, eventually ascending to the rank of Chief Engineer on the various ships he served; he then spent two years in the United States Marine Corps as an instructor; and

WHEREAS, After leaving the military, Mr. Leddy began his career as a civilian by working in the engineering department at WHBQ television station in Memphis, a position which he held for fourteen years; while working nights, he attended college during the day and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Arts and Education from Memphis State University in 1962; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Leddy, armed with a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics and Education from East Central State College in Ada, Oklahoma, spent ten years working as a civil servant at the Memphis Naval Air Station; she filled various office positions before her stellar work record eventually culminated in her promotion to the office handling disposition of surplus military aircraft and equipment; she also spent two years as a substitute teacher in Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, In 1968, Glenn Leddy moved his family, which now included two children, Steve and Terry, to Cookeville, where he accepted a teaching position at Tennessee Technological University (TTU), in the College of Engineering's Industrial Technology department; he earned his Master's degree in Industrial Arts and Education at Middle Tennessee State University in 1971; and

WHEREAS, For 26 outstanding years, Mr. Leddy taught at TTU; he retired in 1994, receiving the honor of faculty Emeritus; and

WHEREAS, While rearing her children, Delia worked part-time as a substitute teacher in Putnam County for two years and then worked as an independent book representative for The Southwestern Publishing Company, Share Division, for three years; after the children were grown, she resumed her civil service career and spent the next 17 years with the United States

Department of Commerce, working as an interviewer for various types of government studies and surveys; and

WHEREAS, A long-time teacher in World Bible School, Mrs. Leddy has taught Bible school for 38 years to young children and is an active church worker at the Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ; she is also an active member and past president of the Tech Faculty Women's Club; she enjoys swimming regularly with the Women's Club and swam competitively at the Tennessee Senior Olympics; Mrs. Leddy's other hobbies include gardening and spending time with her family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leddy continues to serve TTU by attending the Industrial Technology Advisory Board meetings; a member of the American Legion, the USN Armed Guard and Merchant Marine Organization, and the Cookeville Rod and Gun Club; he can be found most mornings at the Tech Fitness Center, working out with weights and swimming; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated amateur (ham) radio operators, Mr. and Mrs. Leddy are both past presidents of the Cookeville Repeater Association, while he is a charter member of the organization; they are also both members of the Short Mountain Repeater Club; the Leddys also enjoy attending all of the home games of TTU's football and basketball teams; and

WHEREAS, The Leddys are fortunate to share love and companionship with their children and their spouses, Steve and Cindy Leddy, Terry and Garth Hughes and their grandchildren, Paul and Katelyn Leddy and Holly and Natalie Hughes; and

WHEREAS, For fifty years, this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, Marriages such as the Leddy's are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Glenn and Delia Leddy on the

celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.